



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 222 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 22, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 22, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 22, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 22, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through April 22, 2017 for the United States were 2.88 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017

State	Week ending					
	March 18, 2017	March 25, 2017	April 1, 2017	April 8, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 22, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	29,829	29,595	29,801	29,675	29,810	29,507
Arkansas	23,193	23,363	23,929	24,261	23,303	23,001
Delaware	4,886	4,887	4,839	4,872	4,861	4,887
Florida	1,190	1,163	1,180	1,210	1,223	1,223
Georgia	35,395	34,915	34,451	34,218	34,151	34,718
Kentucky	7,581	7,556	7,802	7,514	7,342	7,391
Louisiana	3,788	3,501	3,788	3,727	3,743	3,727
Maryland	8,247	8,256	8,224	8,215	8,245	8,241
Mississippi	17,941	17,776	17,891	18,031	17,822	17,912
Missouri	7,866	7,914	8,127	8,123	8,172	8,166
North Carolina	21,927	21,787	22,101	22,157	21,942	21,998
Oklahoma	7,622	7,449	7,440	7,295	7,353	7,306
Pennsylvania	4,988	4,762	4,713	4,688	4,829	4,736
South Carolina	5,505	5,219	5,575	5,639	5,637	5,727
Texas	16,008	15,874	15,818	15,783	15,612	15,972
Virginia	6,558	6,557	6,557	6,557	6,557	6,573
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,748	11,746	11,862	11,829	12,020	11,688
19 State total	214,272	212,320	214,098	213,794	212,622	212,773
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	102	103	102
Other States	9,164	9,004	8,946	8,941	9,184	9,246
United States	223,436	221,324	223,044	222,735	221,806	222,019
Percent of previous year	102	102	103	103	103	102

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017

State	Week ending					
	March 18, 2017	March 25, 2017	April 1, 2017	April 8, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 22, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	21,121	22,174	21,610	21,877	21,594	22,699
Arkansas	22,515	23,115	22,869	23,540	21,830	22,714
Delaware	5,301	5,181	5,123	5,312	5,447	5,551
Florida	1,110	1,364	1,159	1,111	1,181	1,394
Georgia	27,867	26,905	27,770	27,717	27,659	26,175
Kentucky	6,036	5,714	5,896	5,879	6,194	6,025
Louisiana	3,275	3,246	3,277	3,329	3,027	3,320
Maryland	6,668	6,665	6,528	6,438	5,595	6,298
Mississippi	15,166	15,058	15,270	15,317	15,229	15,002
Missouri	5,489	6,378	6,412	5,157	6,426	5,391
North Carolina	16,737	16,303	16,829	15,956	16,879	17,248
Oklahoma	4,655	3,511	3,444	2,995	3,751	4,355
Pennsylvania	3,767	3,825	3,822	3,733	3,697	3,623
South Carolina	4,680	5,020	4,576	6,086	5,201	5,513
Texas	13,175	13,250	13,186	13,173	13,057	13,058
Virginia	5,773	5,608	5,726	5,671	5,970	5,595
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,701	11,768	11,493	10,808	10,501	10,336
19 State total	174,036	175,085	174,990	174,099	173,238	174,297
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	101	102	102
Other States	6,973	7,242	6,826	7,277	7,245	7,267
United States	181,009	182,327	181,816	181,376	180,483	181,564
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	101	102	102

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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